Encounter Data Frequently Asked Questions
6/5/2003

#	SUBJECT	ENTRY DATE	QUESTION (Q.)/ANSWER (A.)
1	**Medicaid Provider ID number**	3/31/2003	**Q.** Can DSHS provide a key to which provider types get what series of DSHS numbers...i.e. *hospitals start with a 3, pharmacy's are with a 6? **A.** **Medicaid Provider ID numbers:** To respond to this question, please refer to the Medicaid Provider number association rules in MAA's Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS). This should assist in the understanding of how billing provider and performing provider ID numbers are assigned at time of provider enrollment. The clinic provider ID beginning with a #7-------- can be used as the billing ID #, the same number cannot be used as the performing/prescribing number. All performing/prescribing provider ID numbers should all start with a # 1 (independent provider); #2 (Optometrist/Optician); #5 (Dentist); #8 (Affiliated provider); #9 (ARNP); or #96 for PT/OT/ST/Audiology.
2	**Patient Status codes**	3/31/2003	**Q.** On UB 92 Billing Instructions....Form Locator #22, "Patient Status", what is the FFS policy if the field is left blank, and what does MAA do when the field is filled with a #30 (patient still inpatient), does MAA pay interim bills or deny? **A.** **Patient Status codes:** This question is really a "payment" question versus encounter data requirement. This information was verified with MAA's "Hospital Claims" expert. If the "Patient Status" code on the UB-92 is left blank MAA will deny the claim. If the "Patient Status" code is 30 (still in-patient) the claim is paid/reviewed by MAA depending on the contract reimbursement method used to pay the hospital. A DRG reimbursement method with a patient status code 30 is a bit complicated to generalize. For encounter data purposes DSHS does not use patient status code 30, since the encounter is not to be reported until the patient's final discharge from the facility.
3	**NDC numbers**	3/31/2003	**Q.** Please clarify the reporting of NDC numbers for compound drugs or a mixture of multiple drugs mixed by the pharmacist per doctor's prescription. **A.** **NDC numbers:** In accordance with MAA's Point of Sale (POS) expert, MAA reimburses compound/multiple drugs by requiring the pharmacies to bill for each ingredient in the compound using the NDC assigned to the ingredient and the units of service. Until such time that the pharmacy systems can bill more than one NDC number per prescription number, for encounter data reporting please report a separate encounter for each ingredient with a valid NDC number.

4	Patient Status Upon Discharge	5/23/03	**Q.** The UB-92 hospital claim form has various code requirements for "**Patient Status upon discharge**". Different states use different codes. What Patient Status code should be used when the encounter occurs in "out-of-state" hospitals? **A.** When reporting encounters the plan must use only Patient Destination on Discharge codes listed in the Encounter Data Specifications as described for Field #11. These codes relate to the Patient Status codes (field #22) of the UB-92.